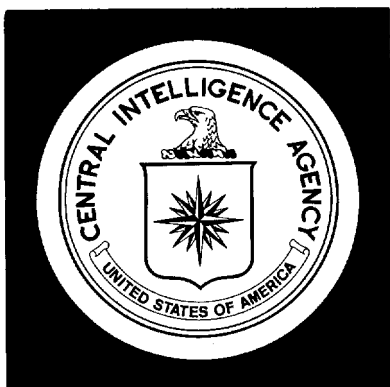


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*CAMBODIA: THE GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS
MADE CONTACT WITH A KEY KHMER INSURGENT LEADER.

25X1 [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] FIRST MINISTER HANG THUN HAK HAS TOLD
AMBASSADOR SWANK THAT HE HAS OBTAINED SEVERAL
LETTERS RECENTLY--VIA AN INTERMEDIARY--FROM
SIHANOUK'S IN-COUNTRY "MINISTER OF INTERIOR"
HOU YOUN. ALTHOUGH HAK DID NOT DISCLOSE THE
SPECIFIC CONTENT OF THESE LETTERS, HE CLAIMS
THAT HOU YOUN IS OPPOSED TO A COMMUNIST SYSTEM
FOR CAMBODIA AND ANXIOUS TO STOP THE FIGHTING,
PROVIDED THE GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATES ITS SIN-
CERITY BY NAMING TRUSTWORTHY NEGOTIATORS. HOU
YOUN LEFT THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT PRO-
SIHANOUK AND PRO-HANOI ELEMENTS OF THE INSUR-
GENCY DID NOT SHARE HIS INTEREST IN NEGOTIATIONS
AND SUPPORT A PROLONGED CONFLICT.

25X1 [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] IN A RATHER CONFUSED REPORT
ON TWO MEETINGS WITH HOU YOUN IN AN INSURGENT-
CONTROLLED AREA IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE INTER-
MEDIARY TOLD [REDACTED] HOU YOUN HAD IN-
25X1 SISTED THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE
ARRANGED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF WASHINGTON, PE-
KING, AND MOSCOW AND BE HELD IN A NEUTRAL THIRD
COUNTRY. OF THE THREE POWERS, HOU YOUN APPAR-
ENTLY INDICATED THAT HE DISTRUSTS THE CHINESE
BUT IS MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE US
AND THE SOVIET UNION.

THE INTERMEDIARY ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE TWO
OTHER OSTENSIBLE LEADERS OF THE KHMER INSUR-
GENCY, "DEFENSE MINISTER" KHIEU SAMPHAN AND
"INFORMATION MINISTER" HU NIM, WERE PRESENT
AT THE FIRST CONTACT, BUT THAT HOU YOUN DOMINATED
THE MEETING AND WAS THE ONLY "MINISTER" PRESENT
AT THE SECOND CONTACT. IF THE INTERMEDIARY IS
INDEED COMPETENT TO RECOGNIZE THE THREE INSURGENT
LEADERS, THIS WOULD BE THE MOST TANGIBLE EVIDENCE
OF THEIR ACTUAL EXISTENCE SINCE THEY DISAPPEARED
FROM PHNOM PENH IN 1967.

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THE FRAGMENTARY NATURE OF THE ACCOUNTS BY BOTH HAK AND THE INTERMEDIARY MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO GIVE THEM COMPLETE CREDENCE. EVEN IF SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT, THE STORIES SERVE TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT POLITICAL FACTIONALISM WITHIN INSURGENT RANKS IS CERTAIN TO IMPEDE ANY QUICK OR EASY SETTLEMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. THE ACCOUNTS DO LITTLE TO DISPEL THE CONFUSION THAT SURROUNDS THE QUESTION OF WHO REALLY LEADS THE INSURGENCY AND WHERE THE LOYALTIES OF THOSE LEADERS LIE. IF LON NOL ALLOWS HAK TO KEEP THIS CHANNEL OPEN, SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS MAY SHED MORE LIGHT ON ALL THESE MATTERS.

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